



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

*The Office of the Governor*  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency is a serious genetic disorder association with liver disease in infants, children, and adults, and lung disease in young adults; and*

*WHEREAS, Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency is the most common genetic disease for which liver transplants are performed in newborns; and*

*WHEREAS, one in thirty-seven people carry the gene for Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency; and*

*WHEREAS, 80,000 to 100,000 U.S. citizens are estimated to have severe Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency; and*

*WHEREAS, Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency was only identified in 1963 and is misdiagnosed and under diagnosed; and*

*WHEREAS, a need has been identified to increase Awareness and Detection of this misdiagnosed and under diagnosed disorder;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 2004, to be*

**ALPHA 1 AWARENESS MONTH**

*in Idaho, and to continue and expand education and promote access to quality care and services for all people affected by Alpha-1.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this ninth day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.*

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Ysursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE